

**Applicants hereby amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 3 of the specification as follows:**

Another problem with these conventional coupling circuits 3, 4 is the considerable area they utilize on the substrate. Such considerable area is required because each of the coupling circuits 3, 4, (each one of which being required for the corresponding supply voltage to be compensated) has two transistors 6. An additional reason that considerable area is required is because essentially holes are involved in the current flow through the transistors 6. The mobility of holes is less than that of electrons, and therefore requires comparatively greater coverage areas of the doping zones to achieve a volume resistivity of the transistors that is sufficiently low for effective coupling.